



# Supreme Court of Illinois

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## **JUSTICE KILBRIDE ANNOUNCES UPCOMING JUDICIAL VACANCY IN TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride has announced an application process for appointment to an upcoming resident Circuit Court vacancy in Peoria County in the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. The vacancy will be created upon Judge Michael E. Brandt's retirement, effective December 12, 2014.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. Justice Kilbride will make a recommendation to the Court after applicants undergo an evaluation and screening process.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted at courthouses within the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, comprised of Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, and Tazewell counties. The application form and instructions may be obtained by visiting the Supreme Court's website at [www.illinoiscourts.gov](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov) and following the instructions on the "Latest News" scroller announcing the Tenth Judicial Circuit vacancy.

Applicants must submit one original and the requisite number of copies of the application and other documents as instructed in the application packet. To be considered, all documents must be received in Justice Kilbride's office no later than **11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2014.**

An applicant must be admitted to practice law in Illinois, and must be in good standing with the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission or any other respective disciplinary bodies. Other qualities an applicant must possess include: a demonstrated reputation for integrity and good character; a demonstrated commitment to equal justice under law; outstanding legal ability and competence; and the appropriate demeanor, character and temperament. The successful applicant must be a resident of Peoria County no later than the beginning day of the appointment.

The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until December 5, 2016 or otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court.

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